

kept up and maintained at an annual expense in each state of tens of thousands of dollars additional. The current demand for teachers renders these schools a permanent necessity in the school economy of each state. In the territory, still in the formative period of the commonwealth to be, how much more a necessity.

Here the ex-governor dilated at considerable length on normal methods and the old and new methods of teaching. In conclusion he said: The regents have sought and they believe they have secured a faculty of educators of large usefulness and influence, supported with a broad philosophic insight and culture, that finds a relation in every step, and a reason for varied dealings with diverse natures and conditions; men who can not only think but possess the power to induce others to think, and whose business is to mould men rather than impress boys with second-hand thought.

The normal school of Silver City, thus endowed with a faculty of broad and sound capabilities, with leaders in whom it is safe to trust; and, not forgetting the highly responsible relations of the work brought into existence this day, to the children of this land; therefore, by authority and on behalf of the board of regents of the normal school at Silver City, I dedicate the work inaugurated this day to the youth of the territory; to the ambitious, the strong, and the naturally endowed young men and young women of New Mexico who seek to fit themselves for teachers in the public schools.

No profession certainly should command more certainly, nor call more effectually for the youth of great promise seeking an honorable, conscientious and self-satisfying career, than that of teaching; of moulding the future men and women of the land. I thank you for your kind attention.

Following the remarks of Gov. Ritch was a solo by Miss Elnora Alexander which was well rendered and well received.

Prof. Miles, after making a few felicitous remarks by way of introduction, read a paper of considerable length which was listened to with marked attention and which we regret that we have not the space to publish.

John J. Bell delivered a short address of welcome, speaking in his usual felicitous strain. He spoke encouragingly of the future of the school and gave some very good advice to the pupils who were about to commence their work.

Prof. Selby, the principal of the school, was then introduced and talked earnestly about the work which was about to be undertaken. He regarded the opening of a school of this kind of more importance than the launching of a war

ship and stated with pride that this is a nation of educated men and women. His manner indicated that his heart is in the work of education and that the board of regents had made no mistake in selecting him as the principal of the new school.

A duet was then sung by Miss Lida McIntosh and Prof. Selby and it was highly appreciated by the audience.

Prof. Theilmann made a few remarks on the relation of the public schools of the county to the normal school, after which Mayor Fleming addressed the pupils and closed by offering three prizes to be competed for by the pupils of the school. The first prize offered was a handsome gold pen with a pearl handle to be awarded to the best pupil in the first grade. A gold pen with an ivory handle is to be given to the best pupil in the second grade and a gold pencil will be given to the best pupil in the third grade.

This closed the opening exercises and the pupils were dismissed until the afternoon session. Following is a list of pupils entered last Monday in the normal school:

Mamie Holson, May B. Shelly, Maud Knucky, Florence Watson, Edith M. Casey, Ludisa Moore, Florence Laizure, Essie Abraham, Louisa Hall, Elnora Alexander, Minnie Powell, Harriet I. Whitehill, Addie Clayton, Ollie Whitehill, Maude Biggs, Alice Bailey, Pearl Dotson, Lida McIntosh, Ida Cain, Mary Bell, Ella Woodward, Bella Gaddis, Josie Whitehill, Isabel Eckles, Belle Hall, Zona Collins, Charles Ott, Eugene Warren, Charles B. Morrill, Willie Rivers, Frank G. Jones, Earnest McIntosh, Robert Bell, Simon H. Casey, Paul Brahm, Celso C. Ordonez.

The wheat crop this year in the Rio Grande valley was the largest ever known. The big roller mills at Belen are running to their full capacity turning out 12,000 pounds of flour daily and other mills are in operation. New Mexico took the first premium on wheat at the world's fair and yet most of the flour that is consumed in the territory comes from Colorado and Kansas. More attention might be paid to wheat raising in New Mexico without any detriment to the interests of the territory.

The Albuquerque Citizen of last Friday has the following concerning Harry Cooper, a former resident of this city, who will be remembered by many of the people of this city and the surrounding country:

It leaked out on this morning that on last Monday a week Harry Cooper, foreman for W. L. Trimble & Co., was joined in marriage to Miss Anna Fairfield, a young lady from Pennsylvania. The ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace. The Citizen congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, and trust their union will prove a happy and prosperous one.

## HONEST DEMOCRATS.

The Democrats of Lincoln, Chaves and Eddy Counties Stand on the Chicago Platform.

The following ringing platform was adopted by the democrats of Lincoln, Chaves and Eddy counties at their district convention. They have the true democratic ring:

We, the representatives of the democracy of the legislative district, composed of the counties of Lincoln, Chaves and Eddy, in convention assembled, reaffirm our adherence and devotion to the fundamental principles of democracy.

First. We declare and pledge our allegiance to the national democracy as enunciated in the declaration of principles adopted at Chicago in 1892.

Second. We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country we favor the immediate restoration of silver coinage as it existed prior to 1873.

Third. We are unqualifiedly opposed to all class legislation, believing in the maxim of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

We favor the passage of such laws as will insure all laborers or wage earners the same benefit as is given by the mechanics' lien law.

We heartily endorse our territorial administration, it being honest, economic, progressive and fearless in the execution of the law.

We favor the immediate admission of New Mexico as a state and we heartily commend the efforts of our efficient delegate, Hon. Antonio Joseph, in his manly efforts in our behalf.

Fourth. We heartily endorse the valiant fight made by Congressman Wilson and his associates in the United States congress for a radical reform of tariff legislation and condemn the action of certain so-called democrat senators in their obstruction of such tariff legislation as the democratic platform guarantees and such as the democracy of the country voted for and had a right to expect.

Grass was a little late this year in getting started but enough will be cut to make considerable hay.

The territorial poultry association will hold its annual meeting at Albuquerque next Wednesday.

Laizure & Grabe are making some improvements at their planing mill. They are adding a new engine room, a planer, moulder and wood saw. They are preparing for a busy fall and winter.

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